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SUBJECT: KAGNEW TURNOVER AGREEMENT, NINTH SUPPLEMENTAL
LEASE AND UTILITIES CONTRACT

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1. ETHIOPIAN ARMY HAS NOW BEEN AN UNAUTHORIZED OCCUPANT OF KAGNEW TRACT E SINCE OCTOBER AND CONTINUES TO USE KAGNEW POWER/ WATER SUPPLIED BY USG WITHOUT CONTRACT TO COVER REIMBURSEMENT TO CIVILIAN CONTRACTORS. IN VIEW OF EPMG'S REQUESTS THAT USG SUPPLY POWER TO CITY OF ASMARA, WE BELIEVE TIME IS PARTICULARLY ADVANTAGEOUS TO PERSUADE ETHIOPIAN GOVERNMENT TO NEGOTIATE CONTRACT FOR SAID SERVICES. ONCE KAGNEW STATION COMMENCES PROVIDING POWER TO CITY, OUR LEVERAGE WITH EPMG WILL DECREASE ACCORDINGLY, AND LENGTHY DELAY COULD RESULT BEFORE CONTRACT
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SIGNED. PRIOR TO NEGOTIATIONS WITH EPMG, WE REQUEST THAT WE BE

INFORMED OF DECISIONS TAKEN CONCERNING ISSUES RAISED REF A.
PRIOR TO NEGOTIATION OF POWER/WATER CONTRACT, WE CONSIDER IT
DESIRABLE TO REGULARIZE ETHIOPIAN OCCUPATION OF TRACT E BY
SIGNING NINTH SUPPLEMENTAL LEASE AND TURNOVER AGREEMENT
FORWARDED PER REF B.

2. IT OCCURS TO US THAT WASHINGTON MAY BE AWAITING OUTCOME OF
ERITREAN EVENTS TO DETERMINE WHETHER AMERICAN USE OF THOSE
TRACTS COVERED BY NINTH SUPPLEMENTAL LEASE STILL FEASIBLE.
HOWEVER, IN VIEW OF FACT THAT CONFLICT LIKELY TO GO ON
INDEFINITELY, WE BELIEVE THAT USAGE OF TRACTS COVERED UNDER
PROPOSED SUPPLEMENTAL LEASE SHOULD BE REGULARIZED AND USAGE OF
REMAINING PORTIONS OF KAGNEW BE CONSIDERED WHEN SITUATION HAS
CLARIFIED. CONSEQUENTLY, REQUEST REPLY TO ETHIOPIAN COUNTER-
PROPOSAL OF NINTH SUPPLEMENTAL LEASE TURNOVER AGREEMENT AND
REQUEST APPROVED COPY OF UTILITIES AGREEMENT SUBMITTED BY
NAVFACENGCOM REP, MR. ELWANG.
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